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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An endoscope capable of being autoclaved that include at least two section, each having an internal space and an outer casing surrounding the internal space. The internal spaces of the two sections of the endoscope are in gaseous communication with each other and sealed from the ambient space surrounding the outer casing at a first sealing level. The first sealing level seals the internal space of the endoscope in a water tight manner relative to the ambient space surrounding the outer casing. One or more components are housed in the internal space of one of the sections of the endoscope and at least one of these components is a hermetically sealed unit composed of a plurality of airtight partition members. The hermetically sealed unit is formed at a second sealing level, which is higher than the first sealing level, such that even when a high-pressure high temperature steam permeates through the first sealing level and invades into the internal space of the endoscope, the steam will be hindered from invading the hermetically sealed unit.

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